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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

FIFTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY
THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION DAY

Senate Chamber
Des Moines, Iowa, Wednesday, March 12, 2003

The Senate met in regular session at 8:30 a.m., President Pro Tempore Angelo presiding.

Prayer was offered in song by the Show Hawks from Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn High School in Hartley, Iowa. They performed "The Star Spangled Banner" and were guests of Senator Johnson.

The Journal of Tuesday, March 11, 2003, was approved.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Senator Kibbie introduced the Honorable Denis A. O'Donovan and his daughter Naomi. Mr. O'Donovan is a Fianna Fail Deputy from Bantry County, Cork, Ireland. In 2002, Mr. O'Donovan was elected to the 29th Dail Eireann (Irish House). Elected to the Seanad Eireann (Irish Senate) in 1997, he was appointed as Spokesperson on Justice, Equality, and Law Reform. His memberships include Chairperson of Failte Beantraí in the mid 1980s, Chairperson of Cork County Council in 1989, and member of the All Party Oireachtas Committee on the Constitution and All Party Committee on Women's Rights.

Mr. O'Donovan addressed the Senate with brief remarks.

Senator Boettger presented Mr. O'Donovan gifts on behalf of the Iowa Senate.

The Senate rose and expressed its welcome.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Senator Kibbie introduced 2003 Miss Shamrock Laura Fog. She was accompanied by Chairman of the St. Patrick's Association Mickey Conlon, Andy and Kim Joyce, and Stacey Gappa from Emmetsburg.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Iverson, the Senate adjourned at 8:55 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. Thursday, March 13, 2003.

APPENDIX**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

The Secretary of the Senate issued the following certificate of recognition:

Ralph Rosenberg, Ames — For being appointed as Interim Director of Heartland Senior Services and for outstanding service to the old and young of Story County. Senator Quirmbach (3/12/03).

PETITION

The following petition was presented and placed on file:

From 1,534 residents of Johnson County and surrounding areas opposing additional taxation of credit unions. Senator Dvorsky.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Convened: March 11, 2003, 1:10 p.m.

Members Present: Veenstra, Chair; Seymour, Vice Chair; Ragan, Ranking Member; Behn, Hatch, Holveck, Horn, Hosch, Kreiman, McKinley, Schuerer, and Tinsman.

Members Absent: Boettger (excused).

Committee Business: Passed SFs 59 (as amended), 303, and 312 (as amended). Approved SSBs 1103 (as amended) and 1157.

Adjourned: 2:40 p.m.

JUDICIARY

Convened: March 11, 2003, 4:05 p.m.

Members Present: Redfern, Chair; Larson, Vice Chair; Kreiman, Ranking Member; Boettger, Fraise, Holveck, Horn, Kettering, Lamberti, McCoy, McKibben, Miller, Putney, Quirmbach, and Tinsman.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: Passed [SF 218](#). Approved SSBs 1024, 1077 (as amended), 1097 (as amended), 1128 (as amended), and 1137 (as amended).

Adjourned: 5:40 p.m.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

Convened: March 12, 2003, 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Rehberg, Chair; Shull, Vice Chair; Hatch, Ranking Member; Beall, Boettger, Dotzler, Larson, McKinley, Putney, Ragan, Seymour, Stewart, and Veenstra.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: Approved [SSB 1150](#).

Adjourned: 2:35 p.m.

JUDICIARY

Convened: March 12, 2003, 10:45 a.m.

Members Present: Redfern, Chair; Larson, Vice Chair; Kreiman, Ranking Member; Boettger, Fraise, Holveck, Horn, Kettering, Lamberti, McCoy, McKibben, Miller, Putney, Quirnbach, and Tinsman.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: Passed SFs 219 and 220. Approved SSBs 1029 (as amended), 1099, 1106 (as amended), 1138 (as amended), 1146, and 1158.

Adjourned: 12:50 p.m.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Convened: March 12, 2003, 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Gaskill, Chair; Miller, Vice Chair; Quirnbach, Ranking Member; Angelo, Hatch, Hosch, Houser, Kreiman, McCoy, Rehberg, Seymour, Stewart, and Wieck.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: Passed SFs 66 (as amended), 197, 209, and 247. Approved SSBs 1017 (as amended) and 1126.

Recessed: 9:50 a.m.

Reconvened: 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned: 10:25 a.m.

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

Convened: March 12, 2003, 2:05 p.m.

Members Present: Houser, Chair; Johnson, Vice Chair; Seng, Ranking Member; Black, Bolkcom, Brunkhorst, Dearden, Drake, Holveck, Kettering, Kibbie, Lundby, Miller, Wieck, and Ziemann.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: Passed SFs 40 (as amended) and 300. Approved SSBs 1031 (as amended), 1160, and 1164 (as amended).

Adjourned: 3:20 p.m.

RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Convened: March 12, 2003, 1:35 p.m.

Members Present: Iverson, Chair; Kramer, Vice Chair; Gronstal, Ranking Member; Boettger, Courtney, Drake, Dvorsky, Gaskill, Putney, Ragan, and Sievers.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: Passed [SJR 4](#) and [SCR 9](#). Approved [SSB 1131](#).

Adjourned: 1:50 p.m.

WAYS AND MEANS

Convened: March 12, 2003, 1:05 p.m.

Members Present: McKibben, Chair; Shull, Vice Chair; Bolkcom, Ranking Member; Angelo, Connolly, Dotzler, Hosch, Larson, McKinley, Miller, Quirnbach, Rehberg, Seng, and Stewart.

Members Absent: Lamberti, McCoy, and Sievers (all excused).

Committee Business: Overview of [SSB 1168](#).

Adjourned: 1:15 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

[Senate File 349](#), by Bolkcom, a bill for an act establishing a local food distribution program and fund at the Leopold center for sustainable agriculture at Iowa state university of science and technology.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Education**.

[Senate File 350](#), by committee on Commerce, a bill for an act relating to a premium tax offset for the Iowa individual health reinsurance association, and phasing-in a standing appropriation for replacement of the individual health reinsurance association assessments upon political subdivisions and school corporations.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar**.

[Senate File 351](#), by committee on Human Resources, a bill for an act relating to child care requirements involving prohibitions against involvement with child care, record checks and evaluations performed by the department of human services, eligibility for state assistance, and child care fraud program sanctions, and making penalties applicable.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar**.

[Senate File 352](#), by committee on Judiciary, a bill for an act relating to the training of an individual who intends to become certified as a law enforcement officer.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar**.

[Senate File 353](#), by committee on Human Resources, a bill for an act requiring establishment of county child protection assistance teams.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar**.

[Senate File 354](#), by committee on Human Resources, a bill for an act implementing the federal Indian Child Welfare Act.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar**.

[Senate File 355](#), by committee on Human Resources, a bill for an act relating to the authorization of podiatrists to administer anesthesia.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar**.

[Senate File 356](#), by committee on Local Government, a bill for an act relating to autopsies by restricting the performance of an autopsy for certain deaths unless the county medical examiner determines the public interest is affected and providing for financial responsibility for certain autopsies requested by a private individual.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar**.

[Senate File 357](#), by committee on Local Government, a bill for an act relating to election or appointment of trustees of a city hospital or health care facility.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar**.

[Senate File 358](#), by committee on State Government, a bill for an act transferring responsibility for establishing the state plumbing code from the Iowa department of public health to the state building code commissioner and providing an effective date.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar**.

[Senate File 359](#), by committee on Judiciary, a bill for an act relating to landlords, tenants, and actions for forcible entry or detention.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar**.

[Senate File 360](#), by committee on Judiciary, a bill for an act relating to the department of corrections and its duties regarding treatment and education of inmates at various correctional facilities, release of presentence reports, optional inmate treatment and education provision, expansion of and appeals regarding earned time credits, change to the inmate savings and inmate telephone rebate fund, and payment of supervision fees.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar**.

[Senate File 361](#), by committee on Judiciary, a bill for an act relating to emergency procedures for the temporary detention and treatment of persons who are incapacitated or impaired due to substance abuse or mental health problems.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar.**

[Senate File 362](#), by committee on Judiciary, a bill for an act relating to tribal law enforcement officer training at the Iowa law enforcement academy.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar.**

[Senate File 363](#), by committee on Local Government, a bill for an act allowing elimination of local assessor examining boards.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar.**

[Senate File 364](#), by committee on State Government, a bill for an act changing the bid requirements for construction of certain public improvements.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar.**

[Senate File 365](#), by committee on Rules and Administration, a bill for an act relating to legislative branch consolidation of functions by combining the legislative service bureau, legislative fiscal bureau, and legislative computer support bureau into a single central legislative staff agency, providing for legislative publications procedures, modifying the sales tax exemption for items sold or services provided by the new agency, including related matters, and providing an effective date.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar.**

[Senate File 366](#), by committee on Judiciary, a bill for an act relating to the Iowa probate code, including provisions relating to state inheritance, gift taxes, and trusts and including an applicability date provision.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar.**

[Senate File 367](#), by committee on Economic Growth, a bill for an act relating to animal biotechnology by creating an animal biotechnology commercialization fund, extending the time period during which a life science enterprise may purchase agricultural land, making appropriations, and providing an effective date.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar.**

STUDY BILLS RECEIVED

SSB 1161 **Commerce**

Relating to the licensing of persons providing money transmission and currency exchange services, providing penalties, and providing an effective date.

SSB 1162 **Judiciary**

Relating to the commitment of a sexually violent predator.

SSB 1163 **Agriculture**

Relating to assistance services provided to the department of agriculture and land stewardship, including for the filing of documents and the payment of fees and civil penalties, and the authorization to assess additional charges.

SSB 1164 **Natural Resources and Environment**

Relating to responsibilities of the state soil conservation committee.

SSB 1165 **Economic Growth**

Relating to commercial application of university technology and research.

SSB 1166 **Education**

Providing for a waiver of deadline requirements relating to whole-grade sharing agreements in specified school districts, and providing an effective date.

SSB 1167 Education

Providing for a special education alternative reading instruction pilot project and including a contingent effectiveness clause and an effective date.

SSB 1168 Ways and Means

Relating to state and local taxes and budgets by imposing a single rate tax, phasing out the taxes on pensions and social security, eliminating the deduction for federal income taxes paid, and eliminating the alternative minimum tax under the individual income tax, by increasing the sales and use tax rate; by increasing the state cigarette tax rate; and by establishing an ending fund balances limitation for counties, defining terms related to the county budgeting process, providing for an ad valorem tax on mobile homes and manufactured homes, allowing counties to join in employment of a multicounty assessor, relating to property assessment guidelines and providing for state payment reductions, setting assessment limitations on residential and agricultural property and on commercial and industrial property as one taxation class, allowing for appeal of assessments of industrial property as one taxation class, allowing for appeal of assessments of industrial property to the director of revenue and finance, establishing a property tax limitation for cities and counties; and including effective and applicability date provisions.

SSB 1169 Commerce

Relating to advanced telecommunications services, including modification of rate provisions, economic development promotional certification, and a study of competition and access charges by the utilities board.

SSB 1170 Human Resources

Relating to public health and safety programs and regulations under the authority of the department of public health.

SSB 1171 Education

Relating to a statewide program of educational assessment reporting for public school grades three through eleven.

SSB 1172 Human Resources

Relating to health care including reimbursement of health care facilities based on resident program eligibility.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**Senate Joint Resolution 3**

HUMAN RESOURCES: Veenstra, Chair; Holveck and Seymour

Senate Joint Resolution 4

RULES AND ADMINISTRATION: Iverson, Chair; Gronstal and Kramer

Senate Concurrent Resolution 9

RULES AND ADMINISTRATION: Iverson, Chair; Gronstal and Kramer

Senate File 254

BUSINESS AND LABOR RELATIONS: Schuerer, Chair; Dearden and Lundby

Senate File 255

BUSINESS AND LABOR RELATIONS: Schuerer, Chair; Dearden and Lundby

Senate File 293

EDUCATION: Behn, Chair; Beall and Boettger

Senate File 304

EDUCATION: Kreiman, Chair; Boettger and Rehberg

Senate File 309

BUSINESS AND LABOR RELATIONS: Schuerer, Chair; Dearden and Lundby

Senate File 320

COMMERCE: Angelo, Chair; Warnstadt and Wieck

[Senate File 323](#)

COMMERCE: Angelo, Chair; Warnstadt and Wieck

[Senate File 329](#)

COMMERCE: Angelo, Chair; Warnstadt and Wieck

[Senate File 336](#)

ECONOMIC GROWTH: McKinley, Chair; Hatch and Rehberg

[Senate File 337](#)

AGRICULTURE: Johnson, Chair; Houser and Ragan

[Senate File 339](#)

AGRICULTURE: Veenstra, Chair; Angelo and Black

[SSB 1161](#)

COMMERCE: Warnstadt, Chair; Angelo and Wieck

[SSB 1162](#)

JUDICIARY: Redfern, Chair; Kreiman and Larson

[SSB 1163](#)

AGRICULTURE: Angelo, Chair; Behn and Black

[SSB 1164](#)

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT: Kibbie, Chair; Houser and Johnson

[SSB 1165](#)

ECONOMIC GROWTH: McKinley, Chair; Hatch and Rehberg

[SSB 1166](#)

EDUCATION: Hosch, Chair; Boettger and Connolly

[SSB 1167](#)

EDUCATION: Brunkhorst, Chair; Kreiman and McKinley

[SSB 1168](#)

WAYS AND MEANS: McKibben, Chair; Connolly, Seng, Shull, and Sievers

SSB 1169

COMMERCE: Angelo, Chair; Brunkhorst, Gronstal, Warnstadt, and Wieck

SSB 1170

HUMAN RESOURCES: Veenstra, Chair; McKinley and Ragan

SSB 1171

EDUCATION: McKinley, Chair; Boettger and Holveck

SSB 1172

HUMAN RESOURCES: Veenstra, Chair; Hatch and Tinsman

COMMITTEE REPORTS**COMMERCE**

Final Bill Action: *[SENATE FILE 350 \(SSB 1124\)](#), a bill for an act relating to a premium tax offset for the Iowa individual health reinsurance association, and phasing-in a standing appropriation for replacement of the individual health reinsurance association assessments upon political subdivisions and school corporations.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 15: Angelo, Wieck, Warnstadt, Beall, Behn, Bolcom, Brunkhorst, Gronstal, Kettering, Larson, McCoy, Redfern, Schuerer, Sievers, and Stewart. Nays, none. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

*Pursuant to Senate Rule 40, the Legislative Service Bureau reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Commerce Committee on [Senate File 350](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

Final Bill Action: *[SENATE FILE 367 \(SSB 1150\)](#), a bill for an act relating to animal biotechnology by creating an animal biotechnology commercialization fund, extending the time period during which a life science enterprise may purchase agricultural land, making appropriations, and providing an effective date.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 8: Rehberg, Shull, Beall, Boettger, Larson, Putney, Seymour, and Veenstra. Nays, 4: Hatch, Dotzler, Ragan, and Stewart. Present, 1: McKinley. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

*Pursuant to Senate Rule 40, the Legislative Service Bureau reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Economic Growth Committee on [Senate File 367](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Final Bill Action: [SENATE FILE 303](#), a bill for an act relating to the contents of certain child abuse assessment reports.

Recommendation: DO PASS.

Final Vote: Ayes, 12: Veenstra, Seymour, Ragan, Behn, Hatch, Holveck, Horn, Hosch, Kreiman, McKinley, Schuerer, and Tinsman. Nays, none. Absent, 1: Boettger.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Final Bill Action: [SENATE FILE 351 \(SSB 1157\)](#), a bill for an act relating to child care requirements involving prohibitions against involvement with child care, record checks and evaluations performed by the department of human services, eligibility for state assistance, and child care fraud program sanctions, and making penalties applicable.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 12: Veenstra, Seymour, Ragan, Behn, Hatch, Holveck, Horn, Hosch, Kreiman, McKinley, Schuerer, and Tinsman. Nays, none. Absent, 1: Boettger.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Final Bill Action: *[SENATE FILE 353](#) (formerly [SF 59](#)), a bill for an act requiring establishment of county child protection assistance teams.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 12: Veenstra, Seymour, Ragan, Behn, Hatch, Holveck, Horn, Hosch, Kreiman, McKinley, Schuerer, and Tinsman. Nays, none. Absent, 1: Boettger.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

*Pursuant to Senate Rule 40, the Legislative Service Bureau reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Human Resources Committee on [Senate File 353](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

ALSO:

Final Bill Action: *[SENATE FILE 354](#) (formerly [SF 312](#)), a bill for an act implementing the federal Indian Child Welfare Act.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 12: Veenstra, Seymour, Ragan, Behn, Hatch, Holveck, Horn, Hosch, Kreiman, McKinley, Schuerer, and Tinsman. Nays, none. Absent, 1: Boettger.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

*Pursuant to Senate Rule 40, the Legislative Service Bureau reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Human Resources Committee on [Senate File 354](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

ALSO:

Final Bill Action: *[SENATE FILE 355 \(SSB 1103\)](#), a bill for an act relating to the authorization of podiatrists to administer anesthesia.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 10: Veenstra, Ragan, Behn, Hatch, Horn, Hosch, Kreiman, McKinley, Schuerer, and Tinsman. Nays, 2: Seymour and Holveck. Absent, 1: Boettger.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

*Pursuant to Senate Rule 40, the Legislative Service Bureau reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Human Resources Committee on [Senate File 355](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

JUDICIARY

Final Bill Action: [SENATE FILE 352](#) (formerly [SF 218](#)), a bill for an act relating to the training of an individual who intends to become certified as a law enforcement officer.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 14: Redfern, Larson, Kreiman, Boettger, Fraise, Horn, Kettering, Lamberti, McCoy, McKibben, Miller, Putney, Quirnbach, and Tinsman. Nays, none. Present, 1: Holveck. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Final Bill Action: [SENATE FILE 359 \(SSB 1146\)](#), a bill for an act relating to landlords, tenants, and actions for forcible entry or detention.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 13: Redfern, Larson, Kreiman, Boettger, Fraise, Horn, Kettering, Lamberti, McCoy, McKibben, Miller, Putney, and Tinsman. Nays, 1: Holveck. Present, 1: Quirmbach. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Final Bill Action: *[SENATE FILE 360 \(SSB 1097\)](#), a bill for an act relating to the department of corrections and its duties regarding treatment and education of inmates at various correctional facilities, release of presentence reports, optional inmate treatment and education provision, expansion of and appeals regarding earned time credits, change to the inmate savings and inmate telephone rebate fund, and payment of supervision fees.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 15: Redfern, Larson, Kreiman, Boettger, Fraise, Holveck, Horn, Kettering, Lamberti, McCoy, McKibben, Miller, Putney, Quirmbach, and Tinsman. Nays, none. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

*Pursuant to Senate Rule 40, the Legislative Service Bureau reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Judiciary Committee on [Senate File 360](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

ALSO:

Final Bill Action: [SENATE FILE 361 \(SSB 1099\)](#), a bill for an act relating to emergency procedures for the temporary detention and treatment of persons who are incapacitated or impaired due to substance abuse or mental health problems.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 15: Redfern, Larson, Kreiman, Boettger, Fraise, Holveck, Horn, Kettering, Lamberti, McCoy, McKibben, Miller, Putney, Quirmbach, and Tinsman. Nays, none. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Final Bill Action: [SENATE FILE 362](#) (formerly [SF 219](#)), a bill for an act relating to tribal law enforcement officer training at the Iowa law enforcement academy.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 15: Redfern, Larson, Kreiman, Boettger, Fraise, Holveck, Horn, Kettering, Lamberti, McCoy, McKibben, Miller, Putney, Quirnbach, and Tinsman. Nays, none. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Final Bill Action: *[SENATE FILE 366 \(SSB 1106\)](#), a bill for an act relating to the Iowa probate code, including provisions relating to state inheritance, gift taxes, and trusts and including an applicability date provision.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 15: Redfern, Larson, Kreiman, Boettger, Fraise, Holveck, Horn, Kettering, Lamberti, McCoy, McKibben, Miller, Putney, Quirnbach, and Tinsman. Nays, none. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

*Pursuant to Senate Rule 40, the Legislative Service Bureau reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Judiciary Committee on [Senate File 366](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Final Bill Action: [SENATE FILE 356](#) (formerly [SF 247](#)), a bill for an act relating to autopsies by restricting the performance of an autopsy for certain deaths unless the county medical examiner determines the public interest is affected and providing for financial responsibility for certain autopsies requested by a private individual.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 7: Gaskill, Miller, Hosch, Houser, Rehberg, Seymour, and Wieck. Nays, 5: Quirnbach, Hatch, Kreiman, McCoy, and Stewart. Absent, 1: Angelo.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Final Bill Action: [SENATE FILE 357 \(SSB 1126\)](#), a bill for an act relating to election or appointment of trustees of a city hospital or health care facility.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 13: Gaskill, Miller, Quirnbach, Angelo, Hatch, Hosch, Houser, Kreiman, McCoy, Rehberg, Seymour, Stewart, and Wieck. Nays, none. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Final Bill Action: [SENATE FILE 363](#) (formerly [SF 60](#)), a bill for an act allowing elimination of local assessor examining boards.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 12: Gaskill, Miller, Quirnbach, Hatch, Hosch, Houser, Kreiman, McCoy, Rehberg, Seymour, Stewart, and Wieck. Nays, none. Absent, 1: Angelo.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Final Bill Action: [SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4](#), a joint resolution proposing the redesign of the Medicaid system.

Recommendation: DO PASS.

Final Vote: Ayes, 11: Iverson, Kramer, Gronstal, Boettger, Courtney, Drake, Dvorsky, Gaskill, Putney, Ragan, and Sievers. Nays, none. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Final Bill Action: [SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 9](#), a concurrent resolution designating March 2003 as Iowa Woman's History Month.

Recommendation: DO PASS.

Final Vote: Ayes, 11: Iverson, Kramer, Gronstal, Boettger, Courtney, Drake, Dvorsky, Gaskill, Putney, Ragan, and Sievers. Nays, none. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Final Bill Action: [SENATE FILE 365](#) ([SSB 1131](#)), a bill for an act relating to legislative branch consolidation of functions by combining the legislative service bureau, legislative fiscal bureau, and legislative computer support bureau into a single central legislative staff agency, providing for legislative publications procedures, modifying the sales tax exemption for items sold or services provided by the new agency, including related matters, and providing an effective date.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 11: Iverson, Kramer, Gronstal, Boettger, Courtney, Drake, Dvorsky, Gaskill, Putney, Ragan, and Sievers. Nays, none. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

STATE GOVERNMENT

Final Bill Action: [SENATE FILE 358](#) (formerly [SSB 1040](#)), a bill for an act transferring responsibility for establishing the state plumbing code from the Iowa department of public health to the state building code commissioner and providing an effective date.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 9: Zieman, Sievers, Drake, Johnson, Lamberti, Schuerer, Shull, Tinsman, and Veenstra. Nays, 6: Kibbie, Black, Connolly, Courtney, Dearden, and Ragan. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Final Bill Action: [SENATE FILE 364](#) ([SSB 1115](#)), a bill for an act changing the bid requirements for construction of certain public improvements.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 14: Zieman, Sievers, Kibbie, Black, Courtney, Dearden, Drake, Johnson, Lamberti, Ragan, Schuerer, Shull, Tinsman, and Veenstra. Nays, 1: Connolly. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

BILL SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

A communication was received announcing that on March 12, 2003, the Governor approved and transmitted to the Secretary of State the following bill:

[S.F. 127](#) – Establishing a special breast cancer awareness motor vehicle registration plate and appropriating fees from such plates for breast cancer screening.

REFERRAL TO INDIVIDUAL CONFIRMATION CALENDAR

MADAM PRESIDENT: Pursuant to Senate Rule 59, I hereby request that the following name be removed from the “En Bloc Confirmation Calendar” and placed on the “Individual Confirmation Calendar”:

Neala Arnold – State Board of Regents

JEFF LAMBERTI